

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated November 29, 2004, claims 1-30 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner states that Claim 1 is indefinite for the recitation of applying brake-steer. The Applicants direct the Examiner to paragraph 39 of the specification in the Image File Wrapper, which is the third paragraph of the Detailed Description. Paragraph 39 describes brake-steer or brake-steering as changing the characteristics of the vehicle such as the turning radius or tracking of the vehicle using one or more brakes, the application of differential (positive or negative) torques, or a combination of braking and differential torques. Brake-steering provides assistance to the steering system. That is, in a tight turning situation brake-steering may be used to reduce the turning radius of the vehicle. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to reflect the changing of the turning radius of the vehicle. The phrase "enhanced brake-steer" has been eliminated. Also, the term "brake-steer signal" has been eliminated.

With respect to Claim 17, the Examiner states that Claim 17 is indefinite for the recitation of "to determine a brake-steer condition." Brake-steer condition is a condition that is intentionally set forth. Therefore, the determination of a brake-steer condition may be easily determined.

The Examiner also states that it is also unclear as to how the suspension component reduces the turning radius. Applicants direct the Examiner to paragraph 77 of the specification in the Image File Wrapper, which describes the adjustable suspension components. The adjustable suspension components move or may be controlled. The adjustable suspension components are also described in paragraphs 86, 87, 88, 89, and 90 of the specification in the Image File Wrapper. By moving the various suspension components, the turning radius of the vehicle may be reduced more than that from just the brakes alone.

In light of the above remarks, applicant submits that all objections are now overcome. Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for

allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any further questions or comments please contact the undersigned. Please charge any fees required in the filing of this amendment to deposit account 06-1510.

Respectfully submitted,

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